## **News From City Hall**



## Retirement and Promotion in the Police Department



Effective November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Lieutenant Steve McGee will retire after thirty-two years and eight months of dedicated service to the citizens of Central Point. Lt. McGee was hired by the Central Point Police Department on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1977 and has served in a number of varied assignments during his esteemed career. In retired life Lt. McGee will spend more time with family and his next love fishing. Lt. McGee was officially recognized for his service in a formal retirement and change of command ceremony before the Mayor and City Council on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The tribute to Lt. McGee was truly memorable, and he will certainly be missed. In the same ceremony and as

his last official act Lt. McGee administered the oath of office to his successor, Lieutenant Kristine Allison.

L. Allison was born and raised in Central Point, graduating from Crater High School in 1991, and then went on to begin her policing career as a State Police Cadet in Coos Bay, OR. Lt. Allison has worked for the Phoenix, OR Police Department, the Lincoln City Police Department, and was eventually hired by the Central Point Police Department in 1998. Lt. Allison has served in a number of assignments to include Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer and Detective. In 2007 Lt. Allison earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Southern Oregon University and in September of 2009, a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University. Kris is married to husband Jeff, a Senior Trooper with the Oregon State Police, and together they have two daughters.



## Jackson County Recycling Directory Online at www.jcrecyclingdirectory.org

Jackson County Recycling Directory includes over 50 local recycling outlets beyond curbside collection service. From appliances, batteries, and electronics to paint, wood and yard waste, find out how homes and businesses can prevent and reduce waste.





### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Central Point Downtown Beautification Committee Presents:

The Hamazons
Warrior Princesses of
Comedy
Performing at

Crater Performing
Art Center
Saturday, February 27th
at 7:00 p.m.

Adults \$10 Ages 17 and under \$5

#### Tickets on sale December 1st at

Central Point
Chamber of Commerce
150 Manzanita Street
(541) 664-5301
and
City of Central Point
Central Point Parks &
Recreation Department
140 S. 3rd Street

Money raised will benefit downtown improvements including flowers, benches and art work in the downtown area. Last year's benefit went toward a mosaic project that will be completed by Crater High School in the Spring of 2010.

## Regional Problem Solving—Providing for the Future Growth of Central Point

fter nearly a decade, the Greater Bear Creek Regional Problem Solving process is almost complete. This planning effort has brought together the cities of Central Point, Medford, Talent, Phoenix, Ashland, and Eagle Point, as well as Jackson County and a number of State agencies to identify lands suitable for long-term urban growth needs sufficient to accommodate a doubling of the Region's population which is expected to occur by the year 2060.

Lands that were selected for urban growth have been designated as *Urban Reserve Areas*. The Urban Reserve Areas will be those areas into which cities will eventually expand their urban growth boundaries and, ultimately, their city limits.

As shown on the map on page 3, Central Point has eight Urban Reserve Areas totaling 1,828 acres. In addition to the Urban Reserve Areas, there is Forest/Gibbon Acres, an area of mutual planning concern. As an area of mutual planning concern, the city will work with Jackson County to develop future plans for the area.

Where are we now? A draft of the *Greater Bear Creek Valley Regional Plan* has been completed. The draft plan includes the Urban Reserve Areas and Forest Gibbon Acres, and Comprehensive Plan policies necessary to implement the plan.

All of the jurisdictions involved in the process have signed a participant's agreement which provides guidance for putting the plan into action. It is expected that over the next year, the draft plan will be reviewed and adopted with Jackson County and each of the cities holding public hearings to provide opportunities for plan review and comment.

On January 12, 2010, the Central Point Citizens Advisory Committee will sponsor a public open house to provide information to all interested parties on the plan and Central Point's Urban Reserve Areas. The open house will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the City of Central Point City Council Chambers located at 140 S. Third Street.

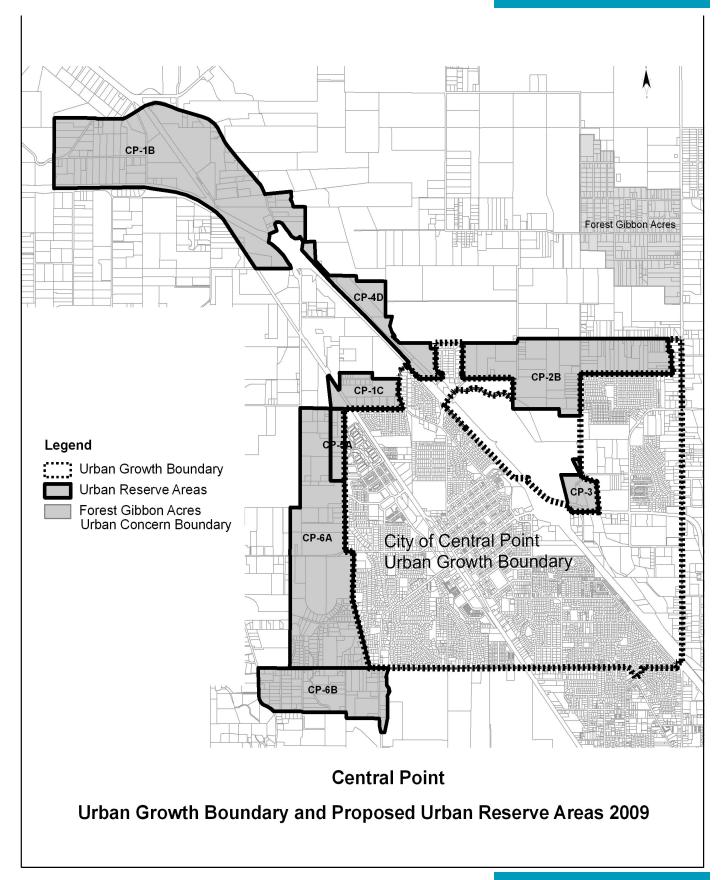
For more information on the Greater Bear Creek Valley Regional Plan open house, contact the Central Point Planning Department a t 5 4 1 - 4 2 3 - 1 9 7 3 or didi.thomas@centralpointoregon.gov

# Parks and Recreation Upcoming Events

Annual Egg Hunt-April 3rd 11:00-1:00

City Wide Clean-up -April 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00

City Wide Yard Sale-May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00-5:00



## A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT

#### REALLY, WE DON'T ENJOY CHARGING PENALTIES!

Failure to receive your bill will not exempt you from penalties or disconnection for non-payment.

We are not responsible for late remittance made through the mail service, internet, or any other method of pay-If your payment. ment is late Do Not Place It In Any Drop **Box**. These boxes may not be emptied or picked up every day. Feel free to call 664-3321. ext 204 and make a payment over the phone with your Visa or Mastercard, debit or credit.

If you would like your payment deducted automatically from your bank account or credit card, give us a call and we will be glad to send you a re-

q u e s t form. We are here to help!



#### Central Point Police Department Receives Integrity Award

n November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Dr. Neal Trautman, Director of the National Institute of Ethics, publicly announced that the City of Central Point Police Department is the first law enforcement agency in the United States to complete their stringent, professionally significant and innovative "Certificate of Excellence in Integrity" program by indisputably achieving 86% of the applicable mandated standards.

Two major requirements had to be met in order for Central Point Police to receive this Certificate: The Institute confirmed that the City of Central Point Police Department was in compliance with at least 70% of the applicable 221 mandates which are intended to enhance organizational integrity. And a minimum of 80% of its formal leaders have received at least 8-hours of ethics/anti-corruption training.

The 221 organizational mandates are categorized into eleven groups which include: Recruitment, Hiring, Field Training Program, Use of Force, Employee Praise and Recognition, Integrity-Related Written Policies, Leadership, Drug Units, Discipline and Accountability, Evidence Rooms, and In-Service Ethics Training. The Institute sent an audit team to the CPPD and confirmed that the applicable mandates were met. This certificate is valid for three years, and must be renewed in the same manner which it was attained.

A primary motivation for the City of Central Point Police Department to seek this esteemed recognition is to independently authenticate and publicly affirm a steadfast commitment in striving for the highest standards of integrity and professionalism that the citizens of Central Point correctly demand from their Police Department.

## City of Central Point Elected Officials and their Email Addresses

Mayor Hank Williams: <a href="https://hank.williams@centralpointoregon.gov">hank.williams@centralpointoregon.gov</a> Council Members

Ward I Bruce Dingler: <u>bruce.dingler@centralpointoregon.gov</u> Ward II, Michael Quilty: <u>mike.quilty@centralpointoregon.gov</u> Ward III, Matthew Stephenson:

<u>matthew.stephenson@centralpointoregon.gov</u> Ward IV, Allen Broderick:

allen.broderick@centralpointoregon.gov

At Large

Carol Fischer: carol.fischer@centralpointoregon.gov Kay Harrison: kay.harrison@centralpointoregon.gov

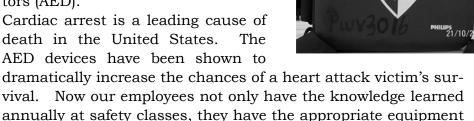
For more information contact Deanna Casey, City Recorder at deanna.casey@centralpointoregon.gov

#### AED's in Parks Vehicles

Thanks to a generous grant from the Robert & Frances Chaney Family Foundation the Central Point Parks Department was able to purchase 4 Automated External Defibrilla-

tors (AED).

Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States. AED devices have been shown to



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in the event of an emergency situation while on the job. Thank you to the Chaney Family Foundation and Parks and Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Boardman for these life saving devices.

Thanks to Robert & Frances Chaney Family Foundation and Jennifer Boardman the Parks Department now has AED devices in their vehicles.

#### 2010 Battle of the Bones Update

he 2010 Battle of the Bones will be held at Twin Creeks Park in Central Point on June 26th and 27th to kick off the summer! The gates will open at 12:00 p.m. both days, closing at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Due to popular demand, there will be extended barbecue tasting hours. No entry fee will be charged; however, for those who wish to participate in the barbecue and/or microbrew competition(s), tickets will need to be purchased. Barbecue tasting tickets grant the holder a sample of meat from each of the barbecue teams, approximately one pound of meat! Microbrew tasting tickets grant the holder 16, 2-oz tastes; a total of 2 pints. Live music will be played during the entire event.

Battle of the Bones is а family friendly event and has a large section for kids.

If you like to have a good time and eat good barbecue, you do not want to miss the Battle of the



Bones on June 26th and 27th at Twin Creeks Park! For more information, go to www.battleofthebones.com or call (541) 664-3321, ext. 265 or 214.

#### Jackson County Recycling Hints

Compost in Your Own Backyard: Yearround. Composting is easy, inexpensive and fun. Watch your leaves and grass clippings become a useful soil amendment for your garden, lawn or houseplants. Abundant instructions are available on the internet, or contact OSU Extension Service, Master Recycler Program at 776.7371.

Rogue Disposal Transfer Station – Free Leaf Drop-off: 8001 Table Rock Road, drop-off leaves and other green waste free of charge. Bags, cans and other receptacles must be emptied in the designated area; do not mix them with green waste. Contact Rogue Disposal at 779-4161.

#### **Calendar of Events**

#### **January**

- 1 New Years Day offices closed
- 5 Planning Commission 6 pm
- 12 Citizens Advisory Committee 6 pm
  - 14 Council Meeting 7 pm
  - 18 Martin Luther King Day offices closed
- 21 Parks and Rec. Committee 6 pm
  - 26 Traffic Safety Committee 6 pm

#### **February**

- 2 Planning Commission 6 pm
- 8 Multicultural Committee 6 pm
  - 11 Council Meeting 7 pm
- 15 Presidents Day offices closed
  - 25 Council Meeting 7 pm

#### CPPD Digital Forensics Lab Receives National Accreditation

n July 17th, 2009 the City of Central Point Police Department digital evidence forensics lab attained the prestigious American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Accreditation, joining the ranks of some of the most premier digital evidence forensics laboratories in the world. There are 97 different quality standards applicable for digital forensics laboratories that are rated as Essential, Important or Desirable. The CPPD digital evidence forensics lab complied with 100% of the Essential, 92% of Important (only 75% required), and 94% of Desirable (only 50% required) standards.

ASCLD/LAB offers voluntary accreditation to any crime lab that can comply with their large number of standards. Criteria include all aspects of operations such as management, personnel training and qualifications, health and safety, evi-

dence handling, proficiency testing, lab security, and forensic practices. Part of the accreditation process is an onsite inspection by ASCLD/LAB trained professionals who inspect the laboratory, interview personnel, and review case files and practices.

The lab was first created by the CPPD in 2005 and is host to the Southern Oregon High-Tech Crimes Task Force (SOHTCTF) which is a regional, multijurisdictional task force performing cyber crime investigations and digital evidence forensics for approximately 30 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon. Some of the agencies include the FBI, DEA, ICE, BLM, DOJ, Oregon State Police and multiple agencies in Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Curry and Klamath Counties.